FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Warning to Farmers Wanting To Control Weeds in Their Plant Beds

Because of the dry winter it is necessary that plant beds be tested before planting tobacco seed, to determine if they are safe. The method of doing this is to plant a few radish seed in the area where calcium cyanamid was used and then a few outside of the bed where none of the chemical was placed. Following this, place a two quart jar over the radish seed, which will warm the soil and help them to come up quicker. One way to affect an early germination would be to soak the seed overnight, prior to planting. If the seed in the area where calcium cynamid was used, comes up as quickly as those outside of the bed, then the bed should be considered safe for tobacco seeding. However, if they fail to come up, tobacco should not be seeded in this bed, but another bed prepared.

Corn Hybrid Recommendation

Full Season

Yellow: U. S. 262 or 262A; Funk G704; Wood V51; Funk G134.

White: Indiana 909A; Pioneer 510; Southern States 903W; Wood V125W.

Medium Early

Yellow: Pioneer 303; Ohio C54; Southern States Pocahontas.

Recommendations for silage are U. S. 262 or 262A; U. S. 578 and North Carolina 1032. U. S. 578 and N. C. 1032 are considered to be early varieties.

There is one new variety recommended on this list for this year. It is Southern States Pocohontas. This yellow hybrid is recommended as a medium early maturing hybrid in the Southern Piedmont. This medium stalked variety has produced high yields of good quality grain in these areas and has good standability.

Spring Feeder Calf Sales

Seven spring sales will be held in Virginia this year. Dates for the sales are: April 10, Christiansburg; April 11, Dublin; April 12, Lynchburg; April 13, Staunton; April 17, Harrisonburg; April 18, Richmond; and April 20, Winchester.

At a recent meeting of the Virginia Feeder Calf Sale Association, at Natural Bridge, the statement was made that Virginia farmers sold $4,334,837.00 worth of cattle including feeder calf, feeder cattle, and yearlings, in 1955. Of the 20,784 head sold, 45% stayed in Virginia and 55% went to buyers in 15 other states. Ohio was the bigest buyer, taking 23%, followed by Pennsylvania taking 13% and Maryland taking 9%.

The Association added two requirements to its standard operating procedure, for 1956. Hereafter, cattle not meeting the minimum requirements for the sponsored sales cannot be sold on the same day as the special sale; and each sale shall use a standard type, round, hip tag designed by the state committee. The tag, which will serve as a trade mark and a guarantee that the animals meet certain requirements, will be in place of the present identification hip or ear tag now used by livestock markets.

News From Researchers

J. A. Lutz, assistant agronomist at VPI is doing some research with phosphates. He says that Virginia farmers spend over twelve million dollars annually for this material. Only a small part—perhaps 15 or 20%—is recovered by the plants. He thinks there should be some way to up this phrceinage. He estimates if phosphate intake in plants could be increased by 5%, it would mean an annual saving of around $600,000 to Virginia farmers.

Throughout the winter months, greenhouse trials are conducted, harvesting and seeding of crops, using soluble phosphate salts. These materials are radioactive in form. Geiger counters are used to determine the presence of this material in the plant and in what amounts. Tests are concerned with the use of diffirent kinds of phosphate and they in turn in different forms. So far, indications are that concentrated super phosphate may be the best type.

Definite answers will be coming some time in the future.

Another piece of research work being carried out, not only in Virginia, but in several of the poultry producing states is the use of the by-products of the poultry processing industry.

There were over one billion broilers sold last year from farms in the United States. Assuming that three-fourths of this number went through commercial processing plants, there would have been produced 72,750 tons of poultry tankage; 37,500 tons feather meal; 12,000 tons of grease and 5,625 tons of poultry blood meal.

Up to now, most of these by-products have been wasted. Experimental work is being conducted at the present time to determine how this material might be used. For example, in feather meal we find that if it is a 70% hydrolyzed, it may be used in mixed feeds up to 3 or 4% of the ration.

Work is being done in South Carolina and Maryland on the use of poultry tankage. However, enough research data is not available at the present time to recommend this for state registry.

In this experimental work at VPI, 1,440 birds are being used to determine how these materials affect a poultry ration.

Weed control is another thing that is becoming more important on the farms. Eleven years ago, 2,4D came on the market and was tested and used by many people in killing or controlling several kinds of plants. Following this, this material was combined with another material called 2,4,5-T, and found especially effective in controlling brush and woody plants. Ammate solutions have also been tested for this purpose. Many chemicals first considered effective have now been modified to be more effective or, in some cases, have been replaced with entirely new chemicals.

Control of grass chemically, can mean a saving of many dollars to a farmer. Weed grasses can ruin both pasture and cropland if not controlled. In some areas, quack grass is a particular problem, and now some success in its control is reported with the use of Amizol or Dalapon. These materials are applied before plowing. Another use of these materials in killing old vegetation before disking and reseeding pastures.

A new chemical on the market that will be of interest to homeowners is called maleic hydrazide. This is found to be useful as a growth retarder when applied to lawns, which means that it will not be necessary to mow the lawns as often as is now commonly practiced. There are also other materials being tested for the control of crab grass. One manufacturer reports that the chemical produced by his company will control crab grass with one application when applied early in the season.

Many other materials are also being tested that are recommended for crab grass control.

Tobacco Plant Bed Demonstrations

Plans have been made for the holding of five plant bed demonstrations to control weed and grasses this spring. Demonstrations will be held at the farms of Ed Cheatham in Southside; R. T. Megginson, Oakville; H. O. Moore, at Beckham; J. T. Tanner, Stonewall, and Henry Covington, Hixburg. In addition to using the material that has recently come on the market called methyl bromide, it is hoped that there will be enough of the new material which is known as a drench, to use to demonstrate its usefulness in controlling weeds on plant beds. Farmers interested in attending these demonstrations should plan to do so. The dates have not been set and will be difficult to give publicity on as the temperature of the soil and soil moisture will determine when these demonstrations will be put on.

Democrats in Alabama curb 1952 Eisenhower supporters.

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S. S. Coast Guard Academy cadet filing deadline was Jan. 15.

PILOT STRICKEN, D

Roanoke, Va. — A f after taking his plan ground at Roanoke, La ton, 36, Norfolk, pilot mont Airlines DC-3 fr to Cincinatti, complain pains in his chest and permission of the tower to the field. He landed safely and was driven to hospital where he died in the ward of a heart attack. carried eight passengers of three.

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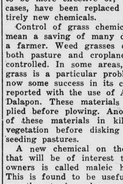

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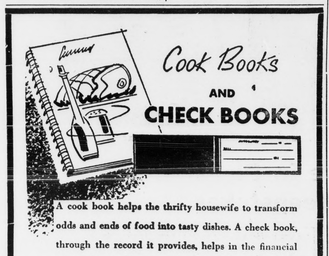

Cook Books AND CHECK BOOKS

A cook book helps the thrifty housewife to transform odds and ends of food into tasty dishes. A check book, through the record it provides, helps in the financial management of the family's funds.

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Shirley Walton returned to College Monday, after a few days with her home here.

nd Mrs. D. H. Cyrus had dinner guests Sunday, Mr. Tucker Cheatham, Mr. and H. Cyrus, Jr. and daughter, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. lmond, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. and daughter Margaret. The was to honor Mr. Cyrus'

Williamson Wooten and Dale are still on the sick list.

W. J. Walton and daughter, of Lynchburg spent Saturday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carson.

nd Mrs. Dan Thomas spent k-end with friends at Na-

d E. Stassen, special ad- President Eisenhower on ment, is scheduled to make of Far East to stress peace rmament.

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NEWS from HOLLYWOOD

Ernest Borgnine recieved the New York Film Critics best actor award for 1955 for his portrayal of a Bronx butcher in Paddy Chayevsky's drama, "Marty," which was voted the year's best film by the critics.

Anna Magnani was judged the year's best actress by the critics for her performance in Tennessee William's "The Rose Tattoo."

Universal-International has purchased "Pylon," a novel by William Faulkner, Nobel Prize winner. The novel, published in 1949, concerns a stunt flier, his wife and partner and details their difficulties and romantic tribulations in the roaring the Nineteen Thirties.

It has been announced that author Clifford Odets will join Hechtlancaster Productions on a multi-picture basis. As his first assignment, Mr. Odets will write the screen play of "The Way West," the Pulitzer Prize novel by A. B. Guthrie, Jr.

"Love Story," which will have Barbara Stanwyck as its star, is one of four pictures Robert Goldstein plans to produce for United Artists this year. The story and screen play, by Jo Elsinger, is about a newspaper woman whose ambition for her husband leads to a murder.

RKO bought screen rights to the new novel by W. R. Burnett, "Under Dog," with Audie Murphy in mind. The book, to be published this fall, is a powerful tale of a veteran who returns from war in a highly neurotic condition and becomes involuntarily involved in a melodramatic crime. Mr. Burnett will write the screen play.

Vera Vague has been given the role of the columnist in "The Opposite Sex" at Metro. At present Vera is busy with her work on TV.

In her new film, "Giant," Elizabeth Taylor has 41 costume changes. She wears everything from Levis to a $16,000 ermine wrap.

Pier Angeli will just have to be more careful. Last February she suffered a broken pelvis in a fall aboard an airliner and, just recently, she fell on the stairs of her home and broke a bone in her left foot. Rehearsals on her next film, "Somebody Up There Likes Me," will have to be delayed until the fracture heals.

We hear that Ingrid Bergman is negotiating to star on TV in either "The Cat People" or "The Circular Staircase" as a TV one-shot.

Health and Beauty

It is a wise woman who keeps her beauty paraphernalia under cover. Beauty routines which bring such lovely results are a waman's personal business and can prove quite a shock to husband and family.

No one can believe that pin curls and cold cream promote admiration or romance. It is easy to see that a woman who is willing to look her worse during the time she spends with her husband and family is going to lose something very important.

You can get a permanent instead of having to roll your hair up each night, or if you have short hair which has some natural curl and needs only a little help, you can roll it up during the day when your family is away. If you are a career woman, you can at least wrap a becoming and attractive scarf about your head, over the pin curls.

If you are a career waman, you can let cold cream soak in during your bath and use one of the oils which almost disappears at night if a very dry skin needs this.

Try to take care of your hands and nails sometime during the day when no one is around. Watch your diet but keep it to yourself. Nothing has less interest for others than your weight-watching. It would be a fine thing if every woman took some form of regular exercise each day. This should be taken to correct what ever type of figure problem you may have. However, don't talk about this, either. Your family will not be interested unless there is some member who needs the same type of exercise and then it is fun to take the exercises together.

Sarah Anne's COOKING CLASS

When serving salad be sure to use the dressing that goes with the salad. It is well to make a quantity of these dressings, keeping them in tightly closed jars in the refrigerator ready for immediate use.

Fruit French Dressing

1-3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon paprika
1-4 cup orange juice
2 1-2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated onion
1 cup salad oil

Combine ingredients in a jar. Cover and shake thoroughly.

Italian Dressing

1 1-3 cups salad oil
1-2 cup vinegar
1 1-2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1-2 teaspoon dry mustard
2 cloves garlic halved

Combine all ingredients in a jar. Cover and shake thoroughly. Let stand 24 hours before using. Shake it well at serving time.

Pineapple Salad Dressing

1-3 cup sugar
4 teaspoons cornstarch
1-4 teaspoon salt
Juice of 1 lemon
Juice of 1 orange
1 cup pineapple syrup
2 eggs slightly beaten
2 8-pz. packages cream cheese

Mix dry ingredients; add fruit juices and syrup. Mix well. Cook in double boiler 20 minutes, stirring constantly. Slowly stir into eggs. Cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Cool. Soften cream cheese and beat into cooked mixture. Chill.

Sour Cream Dressing

1 1-2 cups sour cream
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons grated onion
1 tablespoon grated horse-radish
1-2 teaspoon salt
1-2 tablespoon sugar
1-8 teaspoon red pepper

Mix ingredients and serve very cold.

Peanut Butter Dressing

4 tablespoons evaporated milk.
4 tablespoons lemon juice
4 tablespoons peanut butter
Salt to taste

Blend ingredients and chill.

French Dressing

1 cup salad or olive oil
1-2 cup vinegar
1 1-2 teaspoons salt
1-2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Combine all ingredients in a bottle with a cover. Mix well. Chill, when ready to serve, shake hard to blend.

Celery Seed Dressing

1-3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon grated onion
1-4 cup vinegar
1 cup salad oil
1 teaspoon celery seeds

Mix dry ingredients, add onion and vinegar. Add oil, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating constantly with rotary or electric beater. Add celery seeds.

Special Dressing

1 cup maponnaise
Grated onion
Onion juice
2 tablespoons caviar

Into mayonnaise add grated onion to taste, a little onion juice, and the caviar. Serve on hearts of lettuce with diced tomato and slices of hard boiled egg.

Tomato French Dressing

1 can condensed tomato soup
1 cup vinegar
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 clove garlic minced
1 cup salad oil
1 small onion minced
1 teaspoon paprika
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dry mustard

Combine ingredients in a bottle. Cover and shake well. Chill.

GLENDALE CLUB MEETS

Glendale Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting Wednesday, February 1, at 10:30 A. M., in the home of Mrs. E. W. Marshall Sr., with Mrs. E. W. Marshall Jr. co-hostess. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Frank Nash Sr. gave the demonstration on "The Use of Cereals in Cooking." A delicious buffet lunch was served by the hostess. Others present were Mrs. B. G. Anderson, Mrs. Hunter Nash, Mrs. Herman Nash, Mrs. E. W. Farrar, Mrs. Norman Cheatham, Mrs. Howard Nash, Mrs. Lankford Torrence, Mrs. Harold Nash, Mrs. Sam Megginson, Mrs. Edward Cheatham, Mrs. Buford Nash, Mrs. Wesley Overton, Mrs. DeWitt Marshall, Mrs. Binford Nash, Mrs. Ray Berguson, Mrs. Jimmy Tibbs and Mrs. James Williamson.

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